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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON 1182

March 26, 1974

MEETING WITH PHILIP W. MANHARD, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS, and MRS. MANHARD

Thursday, March 28, 1974
12:00 noon (5 Minutes)
The Oval Office

From: Henry A. Kissinger

I. PURPOSE

For our outgoing Ambassador to Mauritius to call on you briefly prior to his departure for his new post.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS, PRESS PLAN

A. Background

This is Ambassador Manhard's first ambassadorial assignment. He has been attending the senior Seminar this year following his release from imprisonment by the Viet Cong in 1973. The highest US civilian official captured during the Vietnamese conflict, Ambassador Manhard was a prisoner for five years, having been captured during the 1968 Tet Offensive. You last met Ambassador and Mrs. Manhard during your dinner for the returning POWs in May 1973.

Our relations with Mauritius are good. The Government's foreign policy is generally pro-western and we have been provided access to Mauritius' port and airfield for our naval and air forces. The US Air Force has used the airfield in Mauritius in its support of manned space flights. Mauritius becomes increasingly important in the context of our Indian Ocean policy.

B. Participants

Ambassador and Mrs. Manhard.
Secretary Kissinger (Brent Scowcroft).

C. Press Plan

Press photo opportunity. The press briefer will announce the meeting in advance.

III. TALKING POINTS

1. I am glad, Mr. Ambassador, to see you looking so well. I have been heartened by the courage and determination you have shown in making up for the intellectual and physical deprivations of five years imprisonment. Of course, this would not have been possible without the strong support of Mrs. Manhard. Both of you are an inspiration for all Americans. You exemplify those qualities that make America strong.

2. I am delighted that you are going to Mauritius, an island nation with which we have increasingly close relations. Please convey my warm regards to Prime Minister Ramgoolam. Please also stress to him our appreciation for his government's support in permitting our use of the Mauritius airfield in support of our space program.

3. Our access to the Mauritius port and airfield is increasingly important to us in the context of our Indian Ocean policies. I will rely on you to keep me informed of ways we can maintain our cordial relations with Mauritius in order to insure the growth and protection of our mutual interests there.

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: Hal Horan

SUBJECT: Philip W. Manhard

David Parker's office has scheduled a call on the President by Ambassador and Mrs. Manhard for Thursday, March 28 (Tab II). Attached are suggested talking points I recommend you forward to the President (Tab I).

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Attachments
Tabs I and II.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: DAVID PARKER

SUBJECT: Philip W. Manhard

The President has agreed to greet Philip W. Manhard at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 28, for five minutes in the Oval Office. Purpose: To congratulate Manhard and wish him well in his new assignment as Ambassador to Mauritius.

Background: Manhard, who was a prisoner of the Viet Cong from 1968 to 1973, was sworn in on March 20 as Ambassador to Mauritius. He is a Career Foreign Service Officer who has served in China, Korea, Japan, and Vietnam. He was stationed in Hue, South Vietnam, as a Province Senior Advisor. During the Tet Offensive he was captured and held as a POW for more than five years. Press Coverage: Meeting to be announced; Press Photo Opportunity.

cc: Mrs. Davis
Dr. Hoopes
Mr. Jones
Mr. O'Donnell
Mr. Wardell
Mr. Warren
Mr. Ziegler

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT'S FILE

FROM: MARSHALL WRIGHT MW

RE: Meeting Between the President and Our Ambassador to Mauritius, William D. Brewer, June 17, 1971, 12:15 p.m.

Not having received Ambassador Brewer before he took up his duties in Mauritius, the President agreed to this meeting during Brewer's first presence in Washington since his appointment. The meeting was brief, and the conversation non-substantive. Ambassador Brewer, who is the first American Ambassador to Mauritius, pointed out that the President, in sending him to Mauritius, was making good on a recommendation for American representation in Mauritius first put forward by John Quincy Adams when Adams was Secretary of State. The President asked some questions about Ambassador Brewer's career in the Foreign Service and expressed his appreciation of the contribution made by career Foreign Service Officers to American diplomacy. After a discussion of the nature of life in Mauritius the President showed some interest in the potential for tourism there. The President gave Ambassador Brewer a paperweight and a set of cuff links with the request that Ambassador Brewer convey them as the President's personal gifts to the Prime Minister of Mauritius.

Photographs were taken of the meeting.

Marshall Wright of the National Security Council staff was present.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM WASHINGTON LOG NO.:

Date: June 9, 1971 Time: 11:00 a.m.

FOR ACTION: M Wright cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: June 16, 1971 Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

Report for the President's file ;on the meeting with Ambassador William D. Brewer on Monday, June ; 1971 at 12:15 p.m.

ACTION REQUESTED:

X For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

JON M. HUNTSMAN
For the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 4, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN

FROM: William Watts

SUBJECT: Presentation of Credentials

In response to your request, the Department informs me that as of June 8 there will be six Ambassadors ready to present credentials.

The six include:

Australia	Sir James Plimsoll
Cambodia	Sonn Voeunsai
Guyana	Rahman Bacchus Gajraj
India	Lakshmi Kant Jha
Mauritania	Sidi Ahmed Ould Tayah
Somali	Abdullahi Ahmed Addou

It is now quite imperative that these Ambassadors be scheduled as soon as possible. The Ambassadors from Australia and Cambodia will be received by Secretary Rogers on Monday, June 8. There will be no other Ambassadors ready until into July.

You shouldknow that the New York Times has called Ambassador Mosbacher's office asking why the Indian Ambassador-designate has been unable to present his credentials. Obviously, any story of this kind would not be helpful.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

SUBJECT: Ambassador William D. Brewer

The President will receive Ambassador Brewer at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, June 7, for a quick photograph by the White House photographer. It is my understanding that Ambassador Brewer has requested the appointment in order to get a picture of himself and the President for the Embassy in Mauritius. The appointment should take no more than three to five minutes of the President's time.

Please confirm this appointment with my office and advise us as to who will escort Ambassador Brewer into the President's office for the photograph.

Thank you.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION

April 30, 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: Roger Morris RM

SUBJECT: Requested Call on President by Ambassador-Designate to Mauritius

In the attached, State requests a call on the President by Bill Brewer, out-going Ambassador to Mauritius.

There is no reason to take HAK's time with this -- and certainly not the President's.

Mauritius is a tiny island in the Indian Ocean of no real priority in our interests. And Brewer himself merits no departure from the usual practice of limiting these calls to the most important missions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you disapprove this on behalf of HAK, asking Bill Watts to inform State routinely around mid-May.

O.K, TURNDOWN ✓ MAY 4 1970

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cc: R. T. Kennedy
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

April 20, 1970

FOR: HENRY KISSINGER
FROM: BUS MOSBACHER

Attached for your consideration, is a request by Ambassador-designate Wm. D. Brewer for an appointment with the President.

cc: T. Elliott
D. Chapin

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

MEMORANDUM

April 17, 1970

TO: S/CPR - Ambassador Mosbacher

FROM: AF - David D. Newsom

SUBJECT: Request for Call on the President on Behalf of Ambassador-designate William D. Brewer

The President has named William D. Brewer as American Ambassador to Mauritius, and his appointment has been confirmed by the Senate. Ambassador-designate Brewer is presently in the Department for initial appointments and briefings.

It is expected that the Ambassador-designate will have completed most of his calls and will have finished his studies toward the first part of June. He will thus be available in Washington for a call at the White House until at least the first part of June.

Prior to his appointment, Ambassador-designate Brewer was Country Director in the Department for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen and Aden. He has been a member of the Foreign Service since 1947.

A biographic sketch is attached.

Attachment:

As stated

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AF/C - Mr. McKesson

WILLIAM D. BREWER

Position for which considered:	Ambassador to Mauritius
Present Position:	Country Director for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen and Aden
Office Address:	Department of State, Washington, D. C.
Born:	April 4, 1922, Middletown, Connecticut
Legal Residence:	Ridgefield, Connecticut
Marital Status:	Married
Family:	Wife: former Alice Van Ess Children: John Daniel Priscilla
Home Address:	3239 Rittenhouse N. W., Washington, D. C.
Education:	B.A. 1943, Williams College; M.A. 1947, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Language Ability:	French; some knowledge of Arabic, Italian, and Farsi
Experience:	
Government	
1944	Information Analyst, Office of War Information
1944-45	Volunteer, American Field Service, Italy and India
Non-Government	
1946	Instructor in Political Science, Williams College
1947	Instructor in Government, Bowdoin College
Government	
1947-49	Economic Officer, Beirut, Department of State
1949-51	Chief, Political-Economic Section, Jidda
1951	FSO-5
1951-55	Chief of Political Section, Damascus
1954	FSO-4
1955-57	Principal Officer, Kuwait

1957-61	Desk Officer, Arabian Peninsular Affairs, and then Officer in Charge of United Arab Republic Affairs
1958	FSO-3
1962-65	Deputy Chief of Mission, Kabul
1962	FSO-2
1965	Member of Policy Planning Council, Department
1966	FSO-1
1966 to present	Country Director for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen and Aden

Awards: Arthur S. Flemming Award, 1960

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FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 108939

FOLLOWING PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM'S RETURN, I DELIVERED REFTEL TEXT TO HIM ORALLY JUNE 28. PRIMIN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AND SAID HE SHARED HOPE PRESIDENT'S RECENT VISITS WOULD SERVE REDUCE WORLD TENSIONS. HE WONDERED PARTICULARLY ABOUT VIETNAM SITUATION. I CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION SECRETARY'S JUNE 27 SEATO STATEMENT TO EFFECT CLIMATE FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS APPEARED BE IMPROVING AND REMINDED HIM WE HAD LONG SOUGHT THEM. PRIMIN SAID HE HOPED THIS LONG-STANDING PROBLEM MIGHT NOW BE WORKED OUT.
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SUBJ: REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO USSR

REF: STATE 096887

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1. JUDGING FROM UNSOLICITED COMMENTS AND CONGRATULATIONS OF MAURITIAN PROFESSIONALS AND GOM OFFICIALS, INFORMED LOCAL OPINION REGARDS MOSCOW AGREEMENTS AS OPENING OF NEW ERA IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. FEW MAURITIANS ARE SERIOUS STUDENTS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOWEVER, AND MOST ATTITUDES ON EAST-WEST ISSUES WERE FORMED IN FIFTIES. THUS, AGREEMENTS, NOT CONFORMING TO PREVALENT PRECONCEPTIONS OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP, CAME AS SOMETHING OF SURPRISE. NUMBER OF OUR CONTACTS, WHILE PLEASED, ARE ALSO LEARY AS TO HOW THIS SMALL PLACE WILL FIT INTO NEW AND CHANGING INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK. AS PRIMIN SAID LAUGHINGLY, QUOTE YOU ARE GETTING TOGETHER WITH CHINESE AND NOW RUSSIANS. I HAD BETTER WATCH OUT UNQUOTE.

2. PRESS, WHICH DEVOTES LITTLE ATTENTION TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HAS GIVEN UNUSUAL PLAY TO SUMMIT. LARGEST CIRCULATION PAPER PRINTED JOINT DECLARATION AND OTHERS HAVE RUN EXTENSIVE WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE.
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SUBJ: BRIEFINGS PRESIDENT'S SUMMIT MEETINGS

REF: STATE 012709

REFTEL ARRIVED WHILE PRIMIN AWAY; SO UNABLE PROVIDE HIM GENERAL BRIEFING UNTIL FEBRUARY 8. I CAUTIONED HIM RE CONFIDENTIAL CHARACTER BOTH FACT AND CONTENT BUT SAID WE WISHED HEADS ALL FRIENDLY GOVTS AWARE STATUS AND PROSPECTS. PRIMIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, COMMENTING HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT'S VISITS PEKING AND MOSCOW WOULD CONTRIBUTE LESSENING TENSION "WHICH IS IN INTEREST ALL OF US". GP-3.
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SUBJ: INDIAN OCEAN

REF: STATE 195870

1. APPRECIATE INDICATION REFTEL WE WILL BE AUTHORIZED BRIEF GOM IN ADVANCE RE WHAT WILL BE MAJOR USG INITIATIVE THIS REGION, SINCE IT CERTAIN RECEIVE WIDE COVERAGE HERE. IN CONNECTION CURRENT DEPT REVIEW THIS SUBJECT, WISH MAKE TWO POINTS TELEGRAPHICALLY SINCE POUCH SCHEDULES OBVIATE ARRIVAL AIRGRAM PRIOR MID-DECEMBER.

2. FIRSTLY, IRRESPECTIVE RESULTS WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT AS TO DEGREE CURRENT SOVIET THREAT, FACT "BEAR HAS LEARNED TO SWIM" RAISES QUESTION ANOTHER CONTEST FOR INFLUENCE POWERS ON THESE WATERS SUCH AS REGION HAS SEEN MANY TIMES BEFORE. IN THIS CONTEXT, POLITICAL AND DETERRANT IMPACT OF CONTINUED EFFECTIVE WESTERN PRESENCE WILL BE IMPORTANT EVEN THOUGH ACTUAL SOVIET "THREAT" MAY WELL BE MODEST.

3. SECONDLY, TO OUR ADMITTEDLY PAROCHIAL EYE INCREASING ATTENTION BEING GIVEN THIS REGION (INCLUDING BIOT DEVELOPMENT) SERVES EMPHASIZE TO OTHERS AS WELL AS OURSELVES STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE MAURITIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND AIRPORT FACILITY WHICH REPRESENT ONLY SIGNIFICANT SUCH COMPLEX SOUTH OF SEYCHELLES CHAGOS REGION. EVEN IF NOT REQUIRED BY WEST, ASSUME UK/US SHOULD CONTINUE NOURISH OUR INFLUENCE HERE AS PREEAUTION AGAINST ANY INCREASING SOVIET BLANDISHMENTS WHICH COULD BE TROUBLESOME IN BIOT REAR. GP-2.

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SUBJ: RATIONALE BEHIND GOM APPEAL UK TROOPS

REF: PORT LOUIS 865

1. PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM'S SUDDEN SEPT. 22 REQUEST RE BRITISH TROOPS APPARENTLY COMPOUNDED FROM CONSTERNATION AT DIMENSIONS COALITION'S DEFEAT, FEAR OF COMMUNAL RIOTING, EMOTIONAL REACTION "HAWKISH" CABINET MEMBERS TO PERSONAL PRESSURE AND UNCERTAINTY HOW ELSE TO HANDLE TROUBLESOME PUBLIC MEETING ISSUE IN WAKE SMASHING MMM TRIUMPH.

2. STUNNING DIMENSIONS DEFEAT WERE CLEAR TO PRIMIN BY 10:00 A.M. SEPT. 22. EXHAUSTED BY DAYS OF FUNCTIONS MARKING HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY AND WORRIED BY DISTURBANCES OUTSIDE HIS RESIDENCE TWO PREVIOUS NIGHTS (BROKEN UP BY TEAR GAS), HE HASTILY CONVENED CABINET SESSION INCLUDING MINAG BOOLELL, MINLABOR WALTER, FONMIN DUVAL AND MINCOMMERCE MARCHAND. LATTER TWO PMSD ACTIVISTS, WALTER ALSO TOUGH AND BOOLELL HAD HAD OWN CAR DAMAGED IN MINOR DISTURBANCE PREVIOUS NIGHT. ASSUME THAT IN SUCH ATMOSPHERE, RAM'S DESIRE HAVE RECOURSE TO SAME METHOD USED QUEL MAJOR 1968 RIOTS WAS APPROVED UNCRITICALLY.

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4. IF, AS WE BELIEVE, FOREGOING ANALYSIS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT, GOM REQUEST CAN BE SEEN REST LARGELY ON HISTORICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS, RATHER THAN ANY HARD INFO RE IMMINENT COLLAPSE PUBLIC ORDER. IN FACT, EXCEPT FOR LARGELY INTRA-MOSLEM RIOTING IN ONE OUTLYING SECTION OF PORT LOUIS LAST NIGHT, ISLAND HAS REMAINED CALM AND SECURITY FORCES EXPECT NO FURTHER TROUBLE. WHAT GOM FACES IS PROTRACTED POLITICAL CONFRONTATION RATHER THAN "SECURITY EMERGENCY" AS IN 1968. WE WOULD CONCLUDE ADVENT ANY BRITISH CONTINGENT CURRENTLY UNWARRANTED BY OBJECTIVE SECURITY SITUATION AND WOULD BE LIKELY EXACERBATE POLITICAL TENSIONS.
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SUBJ: GOM ALARMED AT SECURITY SITUATION HERE

1. AT BRIEF AIRPORT EXCHANGE ON HIS DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 22, FONMIN DUVAL TOLD ME THAT, FOLLOWING COALITIONS ELECTION DEFEAT (REFTEL), GOM HAD REQUESTED RETURN BRITISH TROOPS FOR EXTENDED PERIOD IN ORDER ASSURE CONTINUED STABILITY. TOLD HIM I THOUGHT GOVERNMENT OVER-REACTING BUT HE ASSERTED GOM NOT DEALING WITH POLITICAL PARTY BUT "COMMUNISTS." ALSO SAID THERE CONFESSIONAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL ASPECTS TO SITUATION (PRESUME REFERENCE TO VOLATILE MUSLIM MINORITY HERE).

2. BRITISH HICOM CARTER SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED ME HE SUMMONED BY PRIMIN NOON AND GIVEN ORAL REQUEST FOR RETURN BRITISH TROOPS. CARTER NOTED TO PM THAT DEFENSE AGREEMENT ONLY REQUIRES "CONSULTATION" AND INQUIRED WHETHER GOM, AS NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATE, WOULD RELISH SPECTACLE RETURN COLONIAL TROOPS. PRIMIN REPLIED HE FELT HAD WAITED OVERLONG BEFORE SUMMONING BRITISH CONTINGENT IN 1968 AND FELT IT BETTER TAKE PRECAUTIONS NOW THAN AWAIT OUTBREAK VIOLENCE. CARTER SAID WOULD REPORT BUT ASKED THAT PRIMIN'S REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION BE PUT IN WRITING.

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3. CARTER TOLD ME HAD MET FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEAVING PRIMIN'S OFFICE AS HE WAS ARRIVING. DURING SUBSEQUENT MEETING, DUVAL ASKED CARTER WHETHER HE WOULD HAVE OBJECTION GOM INFORMING FRENCH OF SITUATION. DUVAL COMMENTED FRENCH HAD TROOPS NEARBY REUNION AND IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE LOOK TO THEM FOR ASSISTANCE. CARTER COMMENTED GOM FREE INFORM WHOMEVER THEY WISHED, BUT HE ASSUMED GOF WOULD CONSULT HMG PRIOR ANY ACTION VIEW EXISTING ANGLO/MAURITIUS DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

4. IN MID-AFTERNOON, CARTER AGAIN SUMMONED AND HANDED SLIGHTLY ALTERED REQUEST FROM PRIMIN. LETTER REFERS POSSIBILITY COMMUNAL VIOLENCE EVER PRESENT IN MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY AND ASKS THAT ONE BRITISH COMPANY BE PUT ON ALERT TO ARRIVE HERE NOT MORE THAN 15 HOURS AFTER ANY LATER GOM REQUEST.

5. COMMENT: NEITHER WE NOR BRITISH BELIEVE OBJECTIVE SITUATION AT MOMENT REQUIRES MEASURES THIS NATURE. WHILE MMM PARTISANS DROVE THROUGH PORT LOUIS EXUBERANTLY THIS AFTERNOON, AND REPORTED TEAR GAS USED ON ONE OCCASION, THERE SEEMS BE NO REPEAT NO RELIABLE EVIDENCE AT PRESENT SERIOUS COMMUNAL UNREST LIKELY. BERENGER HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL IN EFFORT QUIET ANY RASH HEADS AMONG MMM. UNDERSTAND SECURITY ADVISORS FEEL CABINET MAY BE "PANICKED" AS RESULT COALITION'S CRUSHING DEFEAT (REFTEL). IN ANY CASE, GOM HAS NOW MODIFIED ITS REQUEST TO STANDBY BASIS AND NEXT FEW DAYS SHOULD TELL WHETHER ITS ALARMIST FEARS HAVE BASIS IN FACT.
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SUBJ: PRIMIN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

REF: PORT LOUIS 611

1. GIFT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRIME MINISTER BEING POUCHED. SUGGEST THAT ON PRESENTING GIFT YOU ALSO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIMIN FROM PRESIDENT: QTE I WELL REMEMBER OUR MEETING IN NEW YORK LAST YEAR WHICH HAPPENDED TO FALL ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 69TH BIRTHDAY. I THUS AM DOUBLY PLEASED TO SEND YOU MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES AND THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS YOU REACH THE PROVERBIAL "THREE SCORE AND TEN". MAY THIS GIFT WE NOW PRESENT YOU SERVE AS A MARK OF OUR DESIRE THAT YOU CELEBRATE MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS AS LEADER OF THE MAURITIAN PEOPLE. /S/ RICHARD NIXON UNQTE.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO OUBECTION TO RELEASE BY GOM. ROGERS

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WHITE HOUSE WOULD PREFER HOUSE NOT REPEAT NOT BE NAMED FORMALLY AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON, BUT HAS NO REPEAT NOT OBJECTION TO INFORMAL DEDICATION OF IT TO HIM, OR LAYING OF CORNERSTONE IN HONOR OF HIM. SUGGEST OTHER NAME FOR BUILDING, E.G., AMERICA HOUSE, OR WHATEVER MUNICIPALITY SELECTS.

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FYI FOLLOWING MESSAGE WILL BE SENT VIA COMMERICAL CHANNELS TO PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM. QUOTE I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF MAURITIUS MY PERSONAL GREETINGS AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THIS SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEPENDENCE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE. RICHARD NIXON. UNQUOTE.

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1. YOU CORRECTLY ASSUME WE HAVE NO WISH ENCOURAGE CONTINUATION OF RAMGOOLAM TRIP TO TAKE IN US. DISCUSSIONS HE COULD HAVE HERE AT ANY LEVEL WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY COVER SAME GROUND AS ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS VISITS.

2. SHOULD HE RAISE MATTER, YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO DISSAUDE HIM FROM COMING AT THIS TIME, POINTING OUT DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE LEVEL MEETINGS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, AND IN PARTICULAR, UNLIKELIHOOD OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.

3. SHOULD RAMGOOLAM MENTION COMING LATER IN YEAR YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT ANY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MUST BE CAREFULLY PLANNED AND THAT WHILE WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WISH TO ACCOMODATE PM, PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE ALREADY HEAVILY BOOKED FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR. RICHARDSON